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**Facility Owners and Operators:** As you know, 33 C.F.R. 125.09 details the identification credentials acceptable to the Commandant for access to waterfront facilities and harbor areas. These credentials may include:

- Coast Guard Port Security Card (form CG 2514)
- A Merchant Mariner's Document
- An Armed Forces Identification Card
- Identification credentials issued by Federal Law enforcement and intelligence agencies to their officers and employees (e.g. Department of the Treasury, Department of Justice, Federal Communications Commission)
- Identification credentials issued to public safety officials (e.g. police, firemen) when acting within the scope of their employment
- Such other identification as may be approved by the Commandant from time to time

Although the Coast Guard has broad authority to enforce these provisions it is the responsibility of the facility owner/operator to require identification from all personnel entering the facility or adjoining harbor areas. As per 33 CFR 6.18-1(a), failure to comply with a Captain of the Port directive to implement these procedures could result in a \$10,000 civil penalty or not more than ten years imprisonment. The Coast Guard is asking you to partner with us in ensuring that these security measures are in place and being followed at all times. Your diligence and cooperation is essential to meet the security demands placed upon the facilities, harbor areas, and waterfront communities here in Southeast Michigan.

In an effort to clarify the scope and purpose of 33 CFR. Part 125.09(f), the Federal Register published a notice of clarification, Vol. 67, NO. 152/Wednesday, Aug 7, 2002/Rules and Regulations, which can be accessed at [http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002\\_register&docid=02-19844-filed.pdf](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=02-19844-filed.pdf)

If you have questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact LTJG Brandon Sullivan of my staff at the above referenced number or e-mail him at [bsullivan@msodetroit.uscg.mil](mailto:bsullivan@msodetroit.uscg.mil). Your cooperation and diligence in creating and maintaining a secure port is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Captain of the Port Detroit